

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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MARCH 11, 2019

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

- Mayor Erickson called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, March 11th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Erickson, Council Members Amundsen, Martinson, Sebring and Harju. Also present were members of the Public, Staff and Press.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion** by Sebring to add 6n. EDA to the agenda, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.
- **Motion** by Sebring to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

3. Public Hearings

- **None**

4. Public Forum

a. Brooks Lake Association – Peter Thiel

- Peter Thiel was not present for the meeting, Administrator Smythe explained the reason for the Brooks Lake Association being on the agenda was to ask for the annual \$2,500.00 contribution from the city for lake treatments.
- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve contributing \$2,500.00 towards the Brooks Lake treatment conducted by the Brooks Lake Association, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

5. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting

b. Authorization to Post Seasonal Pool Positions

c. Approving Renewal of Drug & Alcohol Testing Agreement with Cokato Transportation, Inc.

- **Motion** by Harju to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

6. Mayors Report

a. Res No 2019-06 – Recognizing Retirement from Fire Department

- **Motion** by Martinson to approve Res No 2019-06 – Recognizing Retirement from Fire Department, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

b. Res No 2019-07 – Approving New Hires for Fire Department

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-07 – Approving New Hires for Fire Department, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

c. FYI – Planning & Zoning Commission Draft Minutes from March 4, 2019 Meeting

d. Res No 2019-08 - Approval of Preliminary Plat/Site Plan/Rezoning – Elim Mission Church

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-08 - Approval of Preliminary Plat/Site Plan/Rezoning – Elim Mission Church, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

e. Discussion of Museum Assistant Position

- Councilmember Martinson asked to revisit the museum assistant position and discuss whether the position is necessary.
- Museum Director Ellison stated the museum assistant position has been in place for several years and believes there is a need for the position to continue.

f. Res No 2019-09 – Approving Hire of Museum Assistant

- **Motion** by Sebring to approve Res No 2019-09 – Approving Hire of Museum Assistant, seconded by Harju, voting aye: Erickson, Amundsen, Sebring, Harju; voting nay – Martinson. Motion passes 4-1.

g. Ord No 2019-02 – Cable Ordinance

- **Motion** by Sebring to approve Ord No 2019-02 – Cable Ordinance, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

h. Ord No 2019-03 – Renewal of Cable Franchise Agreement

- **Motion** by Martinson to approve Ord No 2019-03 – Renewal of Cable Franchise Agreement, seconded by Erickson, all voted aye.

i. Res No 2019-10 – Approving Public Auction of Tax Forfeited Parcel

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-10 – Approving Public Auction of Tax Forfeited Parcel, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

j. Appoint Liaison to Wright County Transit Advisory Committee

- Councilmember Sebring volunteered to serve on the Wright County Transit Advisory Committee.

k. Approving Lease Agreement for Laserfiche System

- **Motion** by Harju to approve the Lease Agreement for Laserfiche System with OPG-3, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

l. Authorizing Direct Purchases for Fire & Ambulance Station

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve purchase of cabinets and countertop from Janish Wood Products in the amount of \$3,800.00, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

m. Discussion of Fire & Ambulance Station Bond Surplus

- No action was taken.

n. EDA

- Councilmember Harju discussed the possibility of creating an EDA to promote current and potential economic growth in the city. The city had an EDA several years ago but it was disbanded. Harju will work with city staff to look at options for the city.

7. Public Works/Parks

a. Authorize Purchase of Combination Plow/Dump Truck

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve purchase of a combination plow/dump truck from Boyer Truck in the amount of \$94,410.73, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.
- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve purchase of accessory package for combination plow/dump truck from Towmaster Truck Equipment in the amount of \$102,720.00, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

b. Res No 2019-11 – Approving Hire of Public Works Maintenance Worker

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-11 – Approving Hire of Public Works Maintenance Worker, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

8. Financial Reports

a. Approval of Claims – \$188,015.77

- **Motion** by Harju to approve claims in the amount of \$188,015.77, seconded by Amundsen, all voted aye.

b. Cash and Budget Reports

- **Motion** by Sebring to approve the Cash & Budget Reports, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

9. Reports & Information

- a. **Reminder – Board of Appeal Open Book Meeting April 4, 2019 at Wright County Gov’t Center**
- b. **FYI – Park Commission Draft Minutes from February 13, 2019 Meeting**
- c. **Other FYI**

10. Adjournment

- **Motion** by Harju to adjourn, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Andrew Carlson, City Clerk

Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor

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